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Microsoft's proposed settlement would only increase its market share, especially with the new plan to team with a company which emulates Macs. Schools have been the last real holdout for Macs for a long time, and Microsoft wants to insure that every computer runs Windows so they can put harsh upgrade and licensing fees on the rest of the world and help drive hardware sales up with inefficient, "eye candy" operating systems. In my opinion, the only acceptable end to this is an end to bundling Microsoft internet access with the operating system (MSN threatens to become another destructive monopoly), an end to Microsoft's behind the scenes dirty handling with computer manufacturers (making deals which threaten them financially if they allow customers to request other operating systems or even word processors), and large fees not only to the states but also to Corel, whose word processor has almost been wiped out by Microsoft's dirty dealing, and the Mozilla Organization, which is the successor to the practically dead Netscape browser group (giving the money to AOL instead of the independent Mozilla organization would only help AOL to become another monopoly).

Sincerely,

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